

THE LIFE DIVINE

even in contrary terms of themselves; it is the play of a secret all-being, all-delight, all-knowledge, but it observes the rules of its own self-oblivion, self-opposition, self-limitation until it is ready to surpass. it. This is the **Inconscience** and Ignorance that we see at work in the material universe. It is not a denial, it is one term, one formula of the infinite and eternal Existence. It is important to observe here the sense that is acquired in such a total cognition of cosmic being by the phenomenon of the Ignorance, its assigned place in the spiritual economy of the universe. If all that we experience were an imposition, an unreal creation in the Absolute, both cosmic and individual existence would be in their very nature an Ignorance; the sole real knowledge would be the indeterminable self-awareness of the Absolute. If all were the erection of a temporal and phenomenal creation over against the reality of the witnessing timeless Eternal and if the creation were not a manifestation of the Reality but an arbitrary self-effective cosmic construction, that too would be a sort of imposition. Our knowledge of the creation would be the knowledge of a temporary structure of

evanescent consciousness and being, a
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Becoming that passes across the vision
of the
Eternal, not a knowledge of Reality; that
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constituting
immanence, the substantiating essence
and presence
of the Reality, then the awareness of
individual